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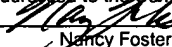
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Application No.: 09/724,755) Examiner: J. FREDMAN
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Filed: November 28, 2000)
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For: METHODS FOR DETECTING)
TARGET NUCLEIC ACIDS)
USING COUPLED LIGATION)
AND AMPLIFICATION)

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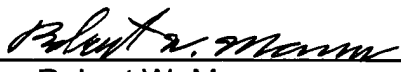
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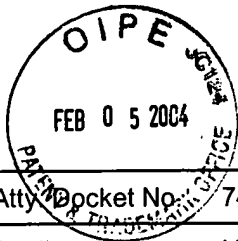
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